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SECOND REGIMENT, CAPE HAITIAN

Maj. H. G. Bartlett, our indefatigable Morale Officer, has instilled new life into the Second Regiment by means of increased activity in baseball and tennis. In this way new material for the nine has been unearthed, and at an opportune time.

In the three-game series with the Port au Prince contingent, the men thus discovered who were the determining factor in our winning. The "Cape Giant" won the first and third, the last almost a shut-out to the tune of 10-1.

A number of possible contenders for the tennis crown have come to light, some in the Q. M., some in the Pay Office and several in the Regimental Hospital and various line companies.

A new Enlisted Men's Club has been opened in the city and promises to be exceptionally successful in its attempt to provide recreation for the men. Having pool tables, reading rooms, and a lunch room, it is a pleasant place to spend an evening or to get an excellently cooked meal.

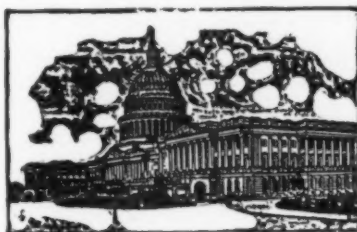
Acting 2d Lieut. Elliott E. Gordon has finished his course at the Officer's School at Hincbe, and has been assigned to duty at Perodin, Department of the South. Lieutenant (Corporal) Gordon was until a short time ago the Second Regiment's crack ten-second man. It is hoped that he will enjoy his duty with the Gendarmerie, and that his promotion will be rapid.

E. A. WILLIFORD.

INSTITUTE INSTRUCTORS TO TRAVEL

About six months ago some of the men on duty at the M. C. I. were ordered to visit the posts in the United States and the West Indies. They explained the workings and aims of the Institute wherever they went. A better understanding resulted from their efforts, and increased enrollments and activities followed them.

The question of sending other instructors out about June first is being considered by the Major General Commandant, who has already approved the plan in general. The details are being worked on now, and it is hoped that not only will all the posts in the United States be visited but all the posts in the West Indies as well. Tentative plans also include Pearl Harbor and Guam with a bare possibility of Peking and the Philippines. It may not prove practicable to carry out so ambitious a plan, but the students of the M. C. I. have established so remarkable a record that it is felt no effort should be spared in presenting its opportunities to the entire Corps.



WASHINGTON NEWS

Congratulations are extended to Colonel and Mrs. James C. Breckinridge, who announce the arrival of a baby boy on Saturday, May 17.

Lieut. Clayton C. Jerome leaves this week for Quantico, Va., where he will undergo training for the air branch. Everyone, and especially the Clerical School, wish Lieutenant Jerome all success at his new station.

The officers of the Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C., held the last dance of the season at this post on the evening of May 17. The guests included many of those prominent in Army and Navy circles, and official Washington. Major General Lejeune and Colonel Breckinridge, the Commanding Officer of the Barracks, were among the guests.

Answering a hurry call from the District military authorities, 52 men, under command of Capt. R. H. Jeschke, left this post at 3 a. m., May 14, and proceeded to Fort Myer, Va., to assist the soldiers of that post, and civilian workmen in building dikes to prevent the flood waters of the Potomac from inundating the Agricultural Experiment Station at Arlington, Va. The work was soon completed and the following memorandum, in recognition of the good work performed by those who made up the detail, is attached to the record book of each man who took part:

At or about 2:30 a. m., this date the military authorities of the District of Columbia called upon this post to assist in controlling the flood waters of the Potomac River at the experimental station near Fort Meyer, Va., where the local garrison had been working for some time. Capt. R. H. Jeschke, U. S. M. C., immediately responded with a detail of 52 men, who proceeded to the scene and at once began to work where they were assigned, in darkness and swift running flood water. These men worked as Marines always do, and with the best spirit in the world, and I believe that special mention should be made of —, who was one of this detail.

Colonel, U. S. M. C., Commanding.

DIVISION COMPETITIONS AT GUANTANAMO BAY

Contrary to predictions made a week ago, the Haiti Rifle and Pistol Teams did not walk away with the West Indies Division Rifle and Pistol Competition. Guantanamo Bay made as good a showing as anybody. There were seventeen medals awarded enlisted men. Figuring on the percentage of men we had entered in the competitions, we were entitled to a fraction less than 3 medals. And we won three of them!

The highest scores in both rifle and pistol competitions were made by 1st Lieut. R. T. Presnell of Haiti, which not only gave a gold rifle medal and a gold pistol medal, but completed his qualifications as Distinguished Marksman and Distinguished Pistol Shot, thus giving him a total of four gold medals. Being a commissioned officer, however, his scores could not win him a place in the competition. Neither officers, nor Distinguished Marksmen or Pistol Shots could win a place in the competitions, though an officer might win a medal, provided he was not already "distinguished."

Corporal Edward Wilson of Haiti won first place in the Rifle Competition; but the only other place won by Haiti in this competition was seventh. Guantanamo Bay also won two places, fourth and fifth, while Santo Domingo won the remaining six.

Sgt. Eugene H. Odom of Santo Domingo won first place in the Pistol Competition, while his buddy, Sgt. Alton O. Coppage, grabbed seventh place, duplicating Haiti's stunt in the rifle match. Haiti's pistol artists left third place for Gy-Sgt. Glenn W. Black of Guantanamo Bay, but walked off with second, fourth, fifth and sixth places.

Among the latest arrivals at Guantanamo Bay are 1st Lieutenant and Mrs. William T. Brown of Quantico. Lieutenant Brown is to take over the duties of assistant range officer, relieving Capt. William C. James, who is to be transferred to Philadelphia on the next transport. The Executive Officer's billet falls to Capt. Samuel W. Freney in addition to his other duties as Company Commander of the 24th Company, Mess Officer and Athletic Officer.

Q. M. Sergeant and Mrs. Warren L. Hinkle also arrived on the April Kittery. Q. M. Sergeant Hinkle relieved Q. M. Sgt. "Andy" Powell, who is now on his way to Quantico. "Andy" writes extensively for some of the leading magazines and moving picture companies and, having a weak heart, lives in constant dread of some day having one of his contributions accepted.

HAITIAN FLYING SQUADRON

The Haitian Flying Squadron, and many other friends and acquaintances in Haiti, will miss Lieut. H. D. Palmer, who sailed on May 2 for the States, via the *U. S. S. Kittery*. It is recalled that Lieutenant Palmer, in company with Lieutenant Rogers, U. S. M. C., made the second longest trip in the history of aviation.

We regret the loss of two of our best airplane mechanics. On May 3 Gy-Sgt. Frank Keener and Sgt. Paul Brandon boarded the *U. S. S. Kittery*, bound for the good old U. S. A. Both of them completed their tour of foreign shore service and decided to take a peek at Quantico. We wish these men *bon voyage* and good luck. They have left behind them a record of good service in Haiti.

Q. M. Sgt. John McGraw, who has been attached to this squadron for eighteen months, has been ordered to the States. The many acquaintances that he made while in Haiti will miss the jovial face of this old soldier. We all wish him the best of luck.

On May 3 seven (much needed) men joined the squadron from the Marine Flying Field at Quantico. We are sure these men will find this place a home, and will make many acquaintances who will always be willing to help them.

WHIRLS FROM OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO

On Saturday, April 19, the enlisted personnel of this squadron once more "put over" a dance which was enjoyed by the 500 people who were present. Our efforts to make this dance something out of the ordinary were successful. A snappy, comical dancing act was staged by our black-face comedians, Schmiddy and "Handsome" Bleefeld, alias, "Cherami." The dance was held in the DH hangar, luckily for us, for the rain was heard pouring on the roof of our shelter. First Sergeant Watson's Jazz Orchestra furnished some fine music until midnight, when the last note of "Home Sweet Home" was played and farewell greetings were exchanged by happy guests.

Several promotions were made with the authority of the Major General Commandant. Sgt. Frank H. Keener to gunnery sergeant; Corp. Paul R. Brandon to sergeant; and Pvts. Kennard F. Bubier and William E. Martin to corporals. We all wish to congratulate these men on their well-earned promotions.

On Saturday, April 5, Gy-Sgt. Theodore B. Millard was flown to Cape Haitien, Haiti, for further transportation via the *U. S. S. Kittery*, leaving that place for the United States. Gunnery Sergeant Millard was transferred upon special order of the Major General Commandant as a candidate for the Officer's Training School. The gang here was sorry to see him leave, but hope that when he returns to Haiti he will wear the bars and Sam Browne belt.

Staff Sgt. William M. Arnold, Corp. William K. Rowland, and Pvt. Rex S. Wilson decided that they could not leave their happy home in Haiti, so they each extended for a period of six months. We are all happy to have these men with us a little while longer.

CORP. ALBERT FEIGEN.

SPARKS FROM THE SIGNAL COMPANY

I have often listened in to the interesting items of news that are broadcast through the columns of *THE LEATHERNECK*, and they are always very interesting and instructive, but have you not sometime or other read something that did not quite agree with you and your ideas? I have, and I am sorry to say, that I have found one or two such items in our worthy little publication, *THE LEATHERNECK*. I am not a crank nor do I wish to create that impression, but somebody made the broad statement that they had the BEST HOME IN THE MARINE CORPS.

We are all supposed to be soldiers, soldiers in all that the word implies, but until all the Marines have served with this organization, all the Marines will not know just what a real service home is like.

OUR HOME is located amid beautiful rolling green hills, dotted here and there with picturesque royal palms, with fragrant tropical flowers and other foliage which surround our dwellings, radio station and administration building, all of which contain all modern improvements and conveniences. There is but one thing more that we could add to make our home more pleasant, and that would be golf links, and we are considering that. Then we will have a place that would cause Pinehurst, N. C., to lose its popularity.

OUR FAMILY, which consists of three officers and 61 enlisted men, is one happy bunch and 100 per cent in every respect.

There are over 50 per cent of this organization due to go to our homes in the States when replacements arrive, many of whom have extended their tour of Foreign Shore Service two and three times and more extensions are coming in every day, which speaks for itself.

J. B. (GRANDOU) KELLY.

SUMMER UNIFORMS

The following letter from the Major General Commandant has been sent to all Commanding Officers of Marines:

From: The Major General Commandant.
To: All officers.

Subject: Issue of articles of summer service uniform.

1. The practice obtains at some posts to require all men to have on hand for wear at inspections articles of summer service uniform, especially trousers, which are the same in appearance. As the khaki color of these uniforms fades out in one or two washings, this practice makes it necessary for the men to have for this purpose articles which are new or practically new, and it is therefore necessary for them to draw heavily on their clothing allowances and in many cases to draw extra clothing, the cost of which is checked against their pay.

2. In order that the clothing allowances of the men may not be subjected to this heavy burden, this practice will be discontinued and men will be permitted to appear for inspection and for other purposes in khaki uniform which is otherwise in proper condition regardless of the color caused by fading in washing.

(Signed) JOHN A. LEJEUNE.
Washington, D. C., April 22, 1924.

QUANTICO

From all indications, the 1924 baseball season at Quantico is going to prove the most successful ever enjoyed anywhere in the history of the Corps. This is a prediction that covers quite a bit of ground, for in years past there have been some mighty good teams representing the Marine Corps, both at home and abroad.

Bad weather hindered early training at Quantico, and Coach Burke was compelled to open the season with a team that had practically no training. As Connie Mack recently said, while here with the Athletics last month, *Burke knows baseball*. After the first few games, something happened to the team—Burke can probably tell you what—and Quantico started to pile up victories. One followed another, and the winning streak was not broken until we had registered fifteen straight wins.

THE LEATHERNECK can spare us only a word or two right now, but we can't let this go to press without mentioning Jim Balis and Jerry Sowers. These two boys have both been signed up by Ty Cobb to play with the Bengals when their Uncle Sammy pays them off. Balis's enlistment expires next month, and Sowers will go south with the Tigers when next season opens.

SERGEANT JIGGS.

COMMENDATION TO QUANTICO BAND

The following letter was received from the Governor of Virginia by the leader of the Quantico Band:

1st Lieut. H. B. Enyart, Quantico, Va.

DEAR SIR: I just cannot help but write and express to you my personal appreciation of how good you have been in furnishing music for different places in Virginia. I am deeply appreciative of this and I am sure all of our people are, for we do enjoy the beautiful music you make.

With my personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

(S.) E. LEE TRINKLE.

Commonwealth of Virginia,
Governor's Office, Richmond.

U. S. S. "NEW YORK" RETURNS TO EAST COAST

Since we are again back in the States, the good ship *Knickerbocker*, having been doing foreign service with the Battle Fleet at San Pedro, Calif., for the last few years, we will show our appreciation by breaking out in print and letting our fellow Marines know that the *U. S. S. New York* has a happy, snappy and efficient Marine Guard.

Our Commanding Officer, Capt. F. Isreal, U. S. M. C., is an old-time Marine, keeps all hands on the job and gets results. 1st Lieut. R. H. Schubert is the junior Marine Officer, and has been aboard for the past year.

Just to prove that we have a happy and efficient guard, the following data is given: Since January 1, 1924, we have had but one desertion, and but two courts-martial. This, taking into consideration the "conditions" which exist during spring maneuvers, is, we believe, quite a record. Forty per cent of the detachment are active M. C. I. students.

We are just about ready to take a short vacation at Glenburnie, Md., where we will fire the range before rejoining the ship after the midshipmen's cruise.



ATTA BOY

Member of Examining Board (questioning Ogden for advancement in rating): "What would you do if you saw a woman being washed out to sea?"

Ogden: "I'd throw her a cake of soap."

M. E. B.: "Why a cake of soap?"

Ogden: "To wash her back."—*Judge.*

O. D.: Have you seen any stray animals around here?

Sentry: Yes, sir. Two mules.

"What outfit are they from?"

"I dunno, sir. They had no collar ornaments."—*Judge.*

"Tell me, John, does bleaching the hair lead to softening of the brain?"

"No, darling, it's generally the softening of the brain that leads to bleaching the hair."—*Judge.*

"That's Binks. Prohibition made him a millionaire."

"What is he? An enforcement officer or a bootlegger?"—*Judge.*

Madge: How was it you didn't go along on the yachting party?

Marjorie: I couldn't get my chaperon to accompany us. She said there was no life in the bunch.—*Judge.*

Florence Worth: "What is the matter with Knapp?"

Dot Harding: "He has water on the brain."

Florence: "Oh, I see; a notion came into his head!"

—*Item.*

"Want a ride?—Whoa—Det in—Diddap—Dimme a tiss—No?—Whoa—Det out—Diddap."—*Tech. Voo Doo.*

CURIOSITY

Rollo was ever polite. Never would he allow a lady to stand in a crowded car. He always doffed his hat in the elevator. He was the model of politeness and chivalry. He always allowed the young ladies to step up the high step into the street car before he got in.

But that was curiosity.

He: "What makes you girls keep your money in your stockings instead of a bank?"

She: "It draws more interest, you boob."

—*The Tea Bee.*

Florence Knutson: "Oh, gosh, I've broken my mirror! Seven years of bad luck, I s'pose!"

Doris Smith: "Don't you believe it, Florence. A friend of mine broke hers, and she didn't have any seven years. She was killed in an explosion two days later. So you see you needn't worry."

—*Item.*

TIT FOR TAT

Newlywed (starting first scrap): Too bad, my dear, that your biscuits are not like my mother's!

Mrs. Newlywed (sweetly): Well, there are no medals on your home brew. My father could give you lessons any day.

—*Exchange.*

Many a blockhead sent to school gets a hard-wood finish.

She: Do you always take the other girls for such long walks?

He: No, it isn't always necessary.—*Naval Weekly.*

"Say, do you know Poe's 'Raven'?"

"No; what's he mad about?"—*Judge.*

"Had lunch with your hubby today, my dear. Hope you don't mind?"

"Not a bit. His stenographer must be sick."—*Judge.*

One—Elvira swears she's never been kissed.

The Other One—How terrible! I don't blame her for swearing.—*Judge.*

So I took the fifty thousand cakes of soap, and then I took a bath—*Ruddy and His Weeny.*



She dearly loves her vaseline for she has a rough chap on her hands.

I ain't got no birthday 'cause I was born at night.

A porch light may be very dim yet have an enormous scandal power.

"To err is human" but many a guy gets slapped in the face just the same.

An ounce of rolling pin is worth a pound of lecture.

THE TEST OF A MAN

The test of a man is the fight he makes,
The grit that he daily shows;
The way he stands on his feet and takes
Fate's numerous bumps and blows;
A coward can smile when there is no fear,

When nothing his progress bars;
But it takes a man to stand up and cheer
While some other fellow stars.

It isn't the victory after all
But it's the fight that a brother makes.
The man who's driven to the wall,
Still stands up erect and takes
The blows of fate, with his head held high,
Bleeding and bruised and pale,
Is the man who will win the by and by,
For he isn't afraid to fail.

It's the bumps you get and the jolts you get,
And the shocks that your courage stands,

The hours of sorrow and vain regret,
The prize that escapes your hands,
That test your metal and prove your worth;

It isn't the blows that you deal,
But the blows you take on the good old earth

That shows if your stuff is real.

—*Anonymous.*

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WHO GETS THE CREDIT?

The Institute made a record during the month of April. When the rolls were finally balanced and the records all completed the work had to be checked again. It did not seem possible that the results could be correct, but they were.

From January 1 to April 13 of this year (four months) 1,961 names have been dropped from the rolls, but in spite of this 7,812 active students remained on the rolls on the last day of April. That is 40 per cent of the Marine Corps.

There were 6,599 lesson papers received, graded, and returned to the students. The Business Schools, under Lieut. W. L. Bales, U. S. M. C., passed all records by grading 2,500 papers out of 2,415 students, or more lessons than there were enrolled in his school group. The graduates numbered 113. The *Educational Bulletin* for April is the most interesting document ever gotten out by the Institute. The list of graduates, their rank, and the subjects completed, make this document a liberal education in itself.

Who gets the credit? The Superintendents of the schools? The principles of the various groups? The examiners who labor over the lesson papers? The Registrar's Office where all the recording, filing, and detail work is done? The book storeroom where lesson books are received in wholesale lots and sent out to individual students? The mailing room where more mail is handled than in most big business houses? The multi-graph room where all the printing and copying is done?

Yes, the credit goes to every one of these, but some have been omitted. There are the STUDENTS THEMSELVES. If they had not worked no one else would have worked either! The students set the pace. What they do decides what others do, and they are keeping all others pretty busy just now.

The success of the Institute is due to TEAM WORK.

SAIL HO!

I DID NOT THINK. In these four words we have an explanation of the greatest crimes in history, the biggest errors of individual lives, and the sorrows of all the ages. A judge addressing a prisoner at the bar, on whom sentence had just been passed, said to him: "I give to you three words, which, if faithfully followed, would make our jails unnecessary, do away with our criminal courts, make wars impossible, and flood the world with prosperity and peace. The words," he said, "are these: STOP AND THINK."

The above is taken from the last editorial of *The Training Station News*, which goes on to say, "We admit that the judge's statement is a little comprehensive; but who can deny the truth of it?" We cannot, and we feel that no one can so we reprint that all our readers may be with those who form the invaluable habit of "STOP AND THINK."

NEWPORT MARINES GLAD TO BE BACK AT OLD CAMP SITE

Every one has expressed satisfaction at having returned to our old home at the South end of the Island. Although Keyport, and others, claim the best and most homelike posts of any others, we feel, that if some of the men from those posts were to pay us a visit, they would find that we have just as many and as good grounds to make the same boast and that our morale is unbeatable.

After two weeks' range competition, Newport, combined with New London, has produced a very good rifle team, which is already at Quantico to take part in the inter-post rifle matches being held in this section. Our commanding Officer, Maj. W. C. Powers is team captain and we are confident that the team will give a good account of itself.

Our baseball team started the season right with a well-earned victory over the *Gyro-Adjusters* of the *Dungaree League*, by a score of 4-3. With the score tied in the last inning, Henderson singled and scored a minute later on a slashing double to center by Clough. Dombrowski pitched in mid-season form and gives promise of being a winning hurler throughout the season. His pitching, combined with the playing of Halloran and Henderson, was the feature of the game. The Athletic Association of the Torpedo Station is offering a silver trophy cup to the winning team of the *Station Dungaree League* and we intend to place it on our shelf.

We have noted Boston's desire for some real competition on the diamond. We are of the opinion that we can furnish that competition if Boston wishes to ask for it. BENJ. F. KILPATRICK.

RADIO SCHOOL AT QUANTICO

The old Radio Service Company at Quantico has turned into a regular school, known as the Marine Corps Radio School. Gunnery Sergeant Hamilton is in charge. He is an efficient radio man of several years' experience. When the school opened, after the winter maneuvers, it had an enrollment of 64 students. The course is for six months, but the school has already released six operators, who, through past experience were able to pass the final tests.

HEADQUARTERS TALKS

"The Personnel Section"

By CAPT. W. N. BEST, U. S. M. C.
Assistant to Detail Officer, Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps

The April 10th issue of THE LEATHERNECK published an article on "The Personnel Section." That article dealt exclusively with questions concerning commissioned and warrant officers and informed readers of THE LEATHERNECK that they might look forward to an article on "Enlisted Personnel."

The article referred to above divided "The Personnel Section" into two departments, viz.,

A—Officers;
B—Enlisted Men;
and listed the functions charged to each department, and with which the reader is familiar.

Of the functions charged to the enlisted men's department of the Personnel Section, "Transfers" is undoubtedly the most important, inasmuch as this insignificant word covers as much, if not more than all the other functions charged to this department combined. This little word probably means more to Marines than anything else, with the exception possibly of a first grade rating.

Every effort is made to equalize the tours of home, sea and foreign service of all enlisted men. In the cases of sergeants major, quartermaster sergeants, first sergeants and gunnery sergeants, a separate roster in each rank is kept, the control date for these rosters being the date of last return from sea or foreign service. Unfortunately the man who is at the top of his roster for sea or foreign service cannot always be ordered. For instance, this man may not have sufficient time to serve on his current enlistment to complete a tour of sea or foreign service. A man may be engaged on some special duty, for which he is peculiarly qualified, and for whom, it would be practically impossible to select a competent relief immediately. In such cases, a man's retention is generally authorized for several months, while a suitable understudy is being secured. And so on—forcing us to go down the roster. However, these exceptions are compensated for by the men who request transfer to sea or foreign service ahead of their turn, and who are generally sent provided that at least one year has elapsed since their last return from sea or foreign service. Some general policies are:

All men in the third grade and below are considered available for transfer to sea or foreign service provided at least one year has elapsed since the date of their last return therefrom.

It is desired that all recruits be sent to sea or foreign service immediately upon the completion of their training.

The complements of small posts and stations are maintained by the transfer of men who have returned from sea or foreign service. These men are generally "short timers" and are, as far as practicable, assigned to stations in the vicinity of their homes. However, all men should not expect such assignments

upon their return from sea or foreign service due to the small quotas allotted each post, and of course, non-commissioned officers stand proportionately less chance of obtaining such assignments.

Men who desire transfer from the East to the West Coast, and *vice versa*, may ordinarily obtain such transfers by applying through the regular official channels and expressing their willingness to extend their enlistments for a period of two years. Requests for furlough for a period of 30 days in connection with these transfers are usually approved.

Normal tours have been established for men serving at various foreign stations, with which all men are familiar. It is not always possible to return a man to the United States immediately upon the completion of his normal tour. His return depends principally upon the availability of Government transports. For example, if 500 men have completed the normal tour of 15 months in Haiti and are all clamoring for return, and there is only one transport available per month on which maximum capacity for enlisted troops is 100 men, it is obvious that a large part of these men will have to serve a little more than the normal tour.

(Continued Next Week)

U. S. S. "MISSISSIPPI" MARINES ARE GOOD SPORTSMEN

The strong point of the Marines detachment aboard the *U. S. S. Mississippi*, is athletic and at present we are proud to display our stable of leather pushers and oarsmen. Jocko Vesco, ex-timber bender for the *U. S. S. Wyoming*, joined us last January and has been showing his stuff occasionally on the mat, but he puts most of his time into police sergeanting and learning the game of 500! Sgt. Ted Schneider has shipped over and intends to return to us in a few weeks. Ted holds the all-Navy light-heavy weight belt, and took that title in Alaska also, while cruising with the *U. S. S. Henderson* in Alaskan waters. Corporal Myers is our trainer and has turned out some fine battlers, and as division athletic representative he has kept the Marine division in the lead of all others on the ship. Corporal Vierhus lost his chance to make the American finals, to be held in Boston, to Al Allegrini, L. A. A. C. member. Vierhus was doing well in his bout with Allegrini and it looked good for him in the first two rounds, but he lost the decision in the third, on form.

Our whaleboat crew ate a lot of sea-dust when the Texans led them across the tape at Culebra on Washington's birthday, but no one contested second place.

Five places are held by Marines on the ship's rifle team and Sergeant Elliott is the one and only baseball entry, however he plays bad enough for all of us, especially when the Tacoma mails are delayed.

As soon as Long-range Battle Practice is over we lose 33 short-timers and the detachment extends a standing invitation to all men of grit and athletic ability to join the officially designated "Iron Man Division." We do not boast of being the *best*, but will modestly admit that we are one of the *few*.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NEWS

Lieut. Col. Frank Halford, U. S. Marine Corps has been detached from Headquarters Marine Corps, and sailed for Haiti on May 7, for duty on the staff of Brig. Gen. John H. Russell. Colonel Halford was the first Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps League, and it is largely due to his great interest and belief in the aims of the League that we stand where we do today. We are sorry to lose Colonel Halford and sincerely hope that he will return some day soon and again join our official staff.

Col. J. C. Breckinridge, U. S. M. C., has been tentatively named by the National Commandant to succeed Colonel Halford, and his choice has been met with great approval. Colonel Breckinridge is the Director of the Marine Corps Institute and has been an untiring and enthusiastic supporter of the Marine Corps League and its aims from the very first and it is felt that no better choice could have been made by the National Commandant.

On the 10th of May, 1924, the National Commandant approved the charter applied for from Decatur, Ill. This charter was signed by 16 men, among them Charlie J. Shelton, now on duty at the Recruiting Station at that city. "When we first made out our charter," writes H. H. Hommon, "there were 13 of us, so we decided to call ourselves *The Thirteenth Detachment*. This is the outgrowth of *The Marine Corps Club* of Decatur, Ill., organized last fall. W. A. Maxwell was elected Detachment Commander and H. H. Hommon, who served with the 6th Regiment, was elected Quartermaster.

St. Louis, Mo., has also made application for charter, according to an announcement made public by the National Commandant this week. This will be the first detachment to be organized in the State of Missouri. The charter is signed by 12 members. For membership to this detachment address Col. N. E. Landon, 3d and Olive Streets, St. Louis, Mo.

The *Marcus W. Beck, Jr.*, detachment of the Marine Corps League at Atlanta, Ga., is still forging ahead. It is holding regular meetings with large attendance at each one. Each meeting is featured by a prominent speaker or some form of entertainment. At the last meeting 13 new members were signed up, and the detachment adjutant is looking for still more at each meeting. For application apply to C. R. Baumgras, Recruiting Office, Atlanta, Ga.

Applications for the New York State Bonus are now being distributed. The National Adjutant, Ray C. Sawyer, 79 Hamilton Place, New York City, announces that the League is being supplied with a quantity to take care of Marines. As each application is numbered and must be accounted for, Marines residing outside the State, or still in the service, and who served in the Marine Corps, Army, or Navy during the World War, are invited to mail their discharge by registered mail. It will be immediately returned with application and full information for signature. All applications for the bonus must be in

typewritten form. Return will be made by registered mail to insure safe delivery. For further information, address the National Adjutant. New York bonus will be granted only to such ex-service men as were *bona fide* residents of the State of New York at the time of enlistment.

Nine new members were signed up in the last regular meeting of the New Orleans detachment. A baseball team committee was appointed, and before the next meeting we hope to have a well organized team ready to play all comers in the Southern Amateur League. Arrangements are being made for a dance to be given by the detachment, in the club room, on Wednesday, May 21.

CHIMES FROM CHARLESTON

The Marines at Charleston are awaiting the arrival of Capt. S. A. Woods and 1st Lieut. Lades W. Warriner, both officers being football players. The team will be weakened by the loss of one of its best half-backs, Sgt. Jack A. Crutcher, who is being paid off.

The new officers may be with the team during the coming season, and as the Charleston Marines have lots of places for some *real good* athletes it is hoped that some of the overstocked posts will give them a chance, for they are "young and want to get along in the world, and do their part in upholding the standards of the Marine Corps."

The basketball team was awarded sweaters for their services during last season; those men who had already received their sweaters for the 1923-1924 season were awarded stars for basketball. The sweaters put the canteen in the hole for the small sum of \$15 per basketballer.

We hope they will recuperate in time to take care of the baseball team—we have only 19 on the squad—and 19 times 15 looks—well, we don't know, but we hope they make lots of money soon.

All golf hounds will report on the links at four sharp, next Monday morning, as we are going to have an elimination match to find out just who is the champ. Some of the entries for this match are Crutcher, Fischer, Billingsley, and Tremont. The winner will be presented with one cup (canteen) which will be drawn from the Q. M. for this particular purpose.

It is hoped that these entries come through with scores that will warrant Major Capron, Captain Pearce, Lieutenants Watson and Cherbonnier in looking toward their score with sufficient distrust to make them challenge the runners-up, in order to satisfy all concerned as to who is really the best.

Sergeant Lear, our tennis champ, has just completed the tennins court, and he received quite a few compliments upon the solution of this intricate engineering problem. Quite a few of us are good at sparring the apple and Lear may have a hard time defending his laurels as champ.

Charlie Long, our brave and noble store-room keeper, has shipped over for three years, and has taken quite a few worries off the Quartermaster's mind. Charlie is known as one of the very best store-room keepers in the outfit. We expect Charlie, Jr., to ship as a music in the near future.

D. KILLEN.

MARINE BASE, SAN DIEGO

The other day our Post Marine ball team decided that things had been dead for a week or so, since they had won no cups in that time, so they decided to go out to Grossmont Hi-School and take them down the mountain, which they did, with a score of 16 to 9. They then invaded the San Diego High and persuaded them out of a game, the score 11 to 8.

A 5-inch gun has been mounted on the Parade Ground here, and the various gun crews have been working out daily. In future, when commanders put in requests for men, it would be wise to specify San Diego trained men, as the men being trained at the Sea School Detachment are exceptional soldiers, and while training are under the command of Capt. F. T. Steele.

Our bowling team won the championship and brought us another cup, which fills to capacity the three trophy cases in the Post Library. However, as long as the teams supply the trophies, the P. Q. M. has no strenuous objection to building cabinets.

There is a peculiar influence felt at this Post, which, while subtle has grown to permeate all our activities. It is found elsewhere, occasionally. When this post was first established, there were not many men here, and the spirit of the Post, which often finds expression through athletics and entertainment, was not very high. But with the infusion of new blood the desirable change came about. It goes without saying that any Post or organization has its own peculiar, or particular influence upon those who come in contact with it.

Our Commanding Officer, Col. McE. Huey, Chaplain Dyer, and 1st Lieuts. Elmer Hall and Rees Skinner, are the men who have been putting the big punch behind the athletics and social life here. Lieutenant Hall is planning for a big football season this year, and we feel that he will bring home the proverbial "pork."

VANWALT.

THE MARINE CORPS GAZETTE

The attention of our readers is invited to the March number of *The Marine Corps Gazette*. The publication is entitled to the support of every Marine.

"The Winter Maneuvers of 1924," by Colonel Dion Williams, is a professional article of the highest order, and should be read by all officers, and senior non-commissioned officers.

Read Admiral W. L. Rogers contributes an interesting and common-sense article on "The Diplomatic Side of the Naval Officer's Profession."

Lieut. Col. Reisinger is the author of an article entitled "The Personnel Office in the Marine Corps Expeditionary Force of 1924." The vexed question of Company Paper Work is handled in a highly refreshing manner.

"The Longest American Airplane Flight," by Capt. R. J. Mitchell, Marine Corps Aviation, will hold the attention of every aviator. The record is held by the Marine Corps.

The more articles we have like "Peace-Time Tactical Training for Small Marine Corps Posts" the better. This type of article is much needed. It stimulates interest and professional activity of the most useful sort.

WEEKLY REPORT

Marine Corps Institute

MAY 17, 1924

Total number individuals enrolled.. 7,770

Number of examination papers received during week..... 1,098

Number of examination papers received during 1924..... 24,264

INSTITUTE CHANGES METHOD OF MAILING

Acting upon the reports of the several non-commissioned officers who last winter visited the marine stations in the United States and West Indies, the Institute's method of mailing matter for students to their respective commanding officers (or school officer) was discontinued some two months ago, and direct mail service to the student was inaugurated. All matter for the student now goes to him in individual envelopes, thus insuring privacy, prompt service, especially where men have been transferred, and relieving company offices of the detail of distribution and forwarding.

This change was made without publicity, and the reaction to date has been very gratifying. To direct mailing is given the credit for the remarkable record of last month, during which the Institute broke all records for lesson papers received, and number of graduates. While the change has added slightly to the cost of operation, the good that is being done more than offsets the additional expense.

The Director would be pleased to receive letters from students giving their opinion of this change, and any suggestions they may have to offer tending to improve the present service. Anything that is done to aid the student acts directly upon the success of the Institute itself. Due credit will be given in these columns to the individual whose suggestions are adopted.

DOVER DEPOT DATA

The baseball season opened with a bang on May 4 when we defeated Mt. Hope, N. J., by a score of 12 to 10. Sergeant Haakenstead did the twirling, and did it well. Mt. Hope used two pitchers. Dettenback, our snappy short stop, pulled off a double play, which was easily the feature of the game.

The C. O. showed his stuff as a civil engineer by completing a drainage around the Barracks, while Pvt. Stetz and Windham wielded a mean shovel.

Our battling police sergeant is diggin' in the corner, getting the depot flower bed into shape, while Ratka, the fireman, is laying out a golf course. He will teach anyone for 92 cents (cash).

Privates Furlong and Bently left recently for Charleston, S. C. Some class to them, traveling by machine. Good luck, boys.

The first range detail returned from Sandy Hook with 100 per cent qualification. We have a number of new faces around at present as Brooklyn has sent a detachment to replace some of the men on the range.

STANLEY A. PYSZKA.

NEW MEXICO NEWS

The Fleet got under way from San Pedro for the Southern cruise on January 2, 1924, and the old *New Mexico* was right in line, with a Marine detachment of 88 sea-soldiers, all of them eager for the sights of Panama and New York.

Gunnery drills and maneuvers broke the monotony of the cruise en route to Panama, and when the Fleet arrived at the southern capital all hands rushed ashore for a taste of pre-Volstead refreshment, and whatever lesser delights the place might afford.

The next stop was Culebra, Porto Rico, and the little island will not soon be forgotten by the gang who enjoyed the beautiful beaches and sunny, tropical climate.

The gang was received in the States as the guests of the City of New York, and was entertained at the Waldorf Hotel by the Mayor and a citizens' committee. They danced and danced until it seemed that another Marathon craze was sweeping the city, and the girls—Oh, boy! They sure swing a wicked heel.

The trip through the Canal was enjoyed by everybody, and all hands voted that no citizen should fail to make it. While in the Canal Zone the ship's rifle team, composed of six Marines, competed in the Fleet Rifle Match and nailed third place. The *Arizona* and the *Mississippi* were the more fortunate contenders.

The Fleet arrived at its home base on April 22, almost four months after leaving the land of sunshine and flowers. The trip was a huge success with everybody, especially the first soldier, who had no men overleave or returned by the patrol. The Marine detachment aboard got a 100 per cent conduct rating.

Three men were transferred to the Marine Barracks, Brooklyn, leaving the detachment with its allowed complement of 85.

A vote of thanks was rendered the Quantico Marines for the work they did as a landing force at Culebra. They gave a most impressive demonstration of what Marines can do in a hostile country.

Long-range battle practice will be completed within the next two weeks and quite a number of the boys intend to occupy squad rooms at the Marine Barracks, San Diego, within the near future.

The boys are sorry to know that the Detachment Commander, Capt. Henry L. Larsen will be detached soon, and it is with keen regret that they see the change. His many sterling qualities have endeared him to every man in the detachment, and all hands hope to have the honor and pleasure of serving under him again.

COMMITTEE OF ONE.

MARINES RECENTLY REENLISTING

Joseph P. Sargent, 5-14-24, New York.
Fred Grant, 5-14-24, Quantico.

Israel Kaufman, 5-14-24, Washington.
Alfred Sylvester, 5-14-24, Boston.

Joseph York, 5-14-24, Philadelphia.
Harold C. Conklin, 5-13-24, West Coast.

Ashton A. Elliott, 5-10-24, West Coast.
George W. McMannis, 5-12-24, West Coast.

Charles F. Hirsch, 5-9-24, San Diego.

An Easy Way to Learn French or Spanish

Did you read what General Lejeune said in his "Headquarters Talks" in the March 20th issue of THE LEATHERNECK?

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May 13, 1924.

- Lt. Col. C. T. Westcott—Detached 2d Brig., Santo Domingo, D. R., to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 1st Lieut. J. B. Neill—Detached M. B., A. L., Peking, China, to Department of the Pacific.
 2d Lieut. E. H. Clark—Detached 2d Brig., Santo Domingo, D. R., to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 2d Lieut. J. R. Street—Detached 2d Brig., Santo Domingo, D. R., to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 2d Lieut. C. C. Jerome—Detached M. B., Washington, D. C., to M. B., Quantico, Va.

May 14, 1924.

- Col. R. C. Berkeley—Detached M. B., N. Yd., Norfolk, Va., to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 Col. H. C. Davis—Detached Army War College, Washington, D. C., to M. B., N. Yd., Norfolk, Va.
 Maj. F. A. Gardener—Detailed as Assistant Adjutant and Inspector, Marine Corps.
 Maj. W. P. Upsher—Detached 1st Brig., Port au Prince, Haiti, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 Capt. DeWitt Peck—Detached 1st Brig., Port au Prince, Haiti, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 Capt. G. D. Miller—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to M. D., U. S. S. Nevada.
 Capt. J. L. Underhill, A. Q. M.—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to Headquarters Department of the Pacific. Detailed as Assistant Quartermaster, M. C.
 Capt. T. E. Watson—Detached 2d Brig., Santo Domingo, D. R., to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 1st Lieut. W. H. Faga—Detached 1st Brig., Port au Prince, Haiti, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 1st Lieut. D. Byfield—Detached 1st Brig., Port au Prince, Haiti, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 1st Lieut. J. C. Wemple—Detached 1st Brig., Port au Prince, Haiti, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 1st Lieut. W. J. Mosher—Detached 1st Brig., Port au Prince, Haiti, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 1st Lieut. J. D. Colomy—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to Recruiting District of Baltimore, Baltimore, Md.
 2d Lieut. E. R. Whitman—Detached 2d Brig., Santo Domingo, D. R., to M. B., N. Yd., New York, N. Y.
 Mar. Gnr. J. Diskin—Detached 2d Brig., Santo Domingo, D. R., to M. B., N. Yd., New York, N. Y.

- Pay Clerk J. J. Darlington—Appointed Pay Clerk in the M. C. and assigned to duty in the office of the Paymaster, these Headquarters.
 Pay Clerk G. Parrish—Appointed Pay Clerk in the M. C. and assigned to duty in the office of the Paymaster, these Headquarters.

May 15, 1924.

- Capt. Charles I. Murray—Detached M. D., U. S. S. Oklahoma, to Recruiting District of Montana, Spokane, Wash.
 Capt. James W. Webb—Detached Department of the Pacific, to M. D., U. S. S. Oklahoma.
 Capt. Henry L. Larson—Detached M. D., U. S. S. New Mexico, to M. B., San Diego, Calif.
 Capt. Norman C. Bates—Detached Department of the Pacific, to M. D., U. S. S. New Mexico.
 Capt. Leroy P. Hunt—Detached Department of the Pacific, to M. D., U. S. S. Maryland.
 Capt. Clyde H. Metcalf—Detached M. D., U. S. S. Maryland, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 Capt. William B. Croka—Detached Recruiting District of Montana, Spokane, Wash., to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 2d Lieut. Evans F. Carlson—Detached Department of the Pacific, to M. D., U. S. S. Nevada.

May 16, 1924.

- 1st Lieut. William H. Hollingsworth—Detached M. D., U. S. S. Pittsburgh, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 Captain Archie Farquharson was placed on the retired list, for disability, effective from May 10, 1924, the date of the President's approval of the findings and recommendation of the Retiring Board in his case.

May 17, 1924.

- 1st Lieut. Lester E. Powers—Detached M. D., U. S. S. Nevada, to M. B., San Diego, Calif.
 1st Lieut. John B. Wilson—Detached M. D., U. S. S. Pennsylvania, to M. B., San Diego, Calif.
 2d Lieut. Harold C. Roberts—Detached Department of the Pacific, to M. D., U. S. S. Pennsylvania.
 2d Lieut. Lyman G. Miller—Detached Department of the Pacific, to M. D., U. S. S. California.

May 19, 1924.

- Capt. Richard B. Dwyer—Detached Hdqrs. Recruiting District of San Francisco, to Hdqrs. Department of the Pacific.
 Capt. Edgar S. Tuttle—Detached 2d

- Brig., Santo Domingo, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 Capt. William M. Radcliffe—Detached 2d Brig., Santo Domingo, to M. B., Quantico, Va.
 Capt. Benjamin A. Moeller—Detached 2d Brig., Santo Domingo, to M. B., Quantico, Va.

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